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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATIONS ON NEW REPUBLIC AND PLEBISCITE

1. PRIME MINISTER' S OFFICER ANNOUNCED PRINCIPLES OF NEW GREEK REGIME AT 1 P. M. LOCAL TIME JUNE 8. FOLLOWING BRIEF INTRODU TORY REMARKS EXPLAINING THAT PRINCIPLES AIM AT ESTABLISHING MODERN DEMOCRATIC STATE WITH STRENGTHENED EXECUTIVE POWERS, THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES WERE SET FORTH.

A. REGIME OF GREECE IS A PRESIDENTIAL PARLIAMENTARY REPUBLIC.

B. PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL BE ELECTED BY DIRECT UNIVERSAL AND SECRET BALLOT FOR SEVEN YEARS; HIS REELECTION NOT BEING PERMITTED. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC SHALL BE ELECTED WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SHALL BE SELECTED AS A CANDIDATE BY HIM.

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C. THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC IS SUPREME RULER OF STATE, SYMBOL OF UNITY OF NATION AND SHALL EXERCISE VIGILANCE FOR FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION. HE SHALL APPOINT AND DISMISS THE PRIME MINISTER AS WELL AS MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE , FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND PUBLIC ORDER AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER THE REMAINING MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS.

D. THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC MAY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES HAVE RECOURSE TO THE PEOPLE WHO SHALL DECIDE THROUGH PLEBISCITE.

E. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AND PARLIAMENT. THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL HAVE COMPETENCE EMANATING DIRECTLY FROM CONSTITUTION TO ISSUE DECREES OF LEGISLATIVE CHARACTER ON MATTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY, AND PUBLIC ORDER EXCEPT THOSE ASSIGNED TO COMPETENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

F. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXERCISED BY PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL PRESIDE OVER COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WITHOUT FAIL WHENEVER MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED SUCH AS RELATE TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY, AND PUBLIC ORDER. AND, HE SHALL RULE THE ARMED FORCES AND SHALL UNDER CERTAIN PRE-CONDITIONS PUT INTO EFFECT THE LAW ON STATE OF SIEGE. HE SHALL ALSO EX-
ERCISE FUNCTIONS PROVIDED FOR BY RESPECTIVE PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION AND LAWS AS WELL AS THOSE DESIGNATED BY HIMSELF... ON MATTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY AND PUBLIC ORDER. HE SHALL PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO THOSE MATTERS.

G. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL ASSIST PRESIDENT IN EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY, SHALL REPLACE HIM IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY AND SHALL ASSUME PRESIDENCY UNTIL END OF TERM IN CASE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH. SHOULD VICE PRESIDENT ALSO DIE, DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENCY SHALL BE EXERCISED BY PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT UNTIL END OF PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

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H. PARLIAMENT SHALL CONSIST OF 200 DEPUTIES OF WHO 180 SHALL BE SELECTED BY DIGEIT, UNIVERSAL, AND SECRET VOTE BY ELECTORAL BODY, AND 20 SHALL BE APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. DEPUTIES THUS APPOINTED SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTE FOR DESIGNATION OR ELECTION OF PRIME MINISTER NOR IN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE OR NO CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

I. PRIME MINISTER SHALL WITH RESERVATION OF POWERS OF PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC DEFINE AND EXPRESS GENERAL POLICY OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF FUNCTIONS BELONGING TO GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT SHALL BEAR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS PARLIAMENT.

J. FIRST PARLIAMENT TO BE ELECTED SHALL BE CHARGED WITH REVISION OF NON- FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION , WHICH REVISION MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN FIRST TWO REGULAR SESSIONS OF PARLIAMENT.

K. FIRST PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, AND HE SHALL BE CHARGED WITH INITIATING PROCEDURES FOR PUTTING INTO EFFECT PROVISIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTITUTIONS OF THE NEW REGIME.

1. AS FROM ENTRY INTO EFFECT OF THESE PROVISIONS AND INSTITUTIONS (RESOLUTION), THE STILL SUSPENDED PROVISIONS OF CONSTITUTION ON INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS SHALL BE PUT INTO EFFECT.

FOREGOING PRINCIPLES IN THEIR FINAL LEGAL FORMULATION WILL CONSTITUTE THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT " RESOLUTION ON THE AMENDMENTS OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 1968 CONSTITUTION" WHICH IS TO BE PLACED UNDER THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREEK PEOPLE SO THAT THEY MAY DECIDE IN A PLEBISCITE BY JULY 29, 1973 AT LATEST.

2. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCLUDED WITH FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS:
" AS CLEARLY EMERGES FROM THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES, THE FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW REGIME ARE THE FOLLOWING:

A. " THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC IS ELECTED DIRECTLY BY PEOPLE. LACKING THE RIGHT OF BEING REELECTED HE IS PROTECTED FROM TEMPTATION OF HAVING AN EYE ON REELECTION AND OF THEREFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKING ACTION OF PARTISAN NATURE. THUS, EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY BY HIM WILL BE OF A HIGH NATIONAL LEVEL AND OF A PURELY CONSTITUTIONAL QUALITY FREE FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL CALCULATIONS.

B. " THE POWERS VESTED IN PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC ARE INCREASED BUT THEY RELATE TO SECTORS OF NATIONAL LIFE WHOSE ADMINISTRATION CANNOT BE AFFECTED BY THE CLASH OF FLUID AND EVER- CHANGING INTERESTS OF PERSONS AND GROUPS OF PERSONS. QUESTION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY AND PUBLIC ORDER MUST BE THE SUBJECT OF BIPARTISAN ADMINISTRATION.

C. " BASIS OF REGIME IS REPRESENTATIVE- PARLIAMENTARY.

PRIME MINISTER IS ELECTED BY PARLIAMENT WHICH EXERCISED THE
GREAT PART OF THE LEGISLATIVE WORK AND SUPPORTS OR WITHDRAWS
SUPPORT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS MINISTERS.

D. " PREEMINENTLY DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION OF THE PLEBISCITE
IS INTRODUCED SO THAT GREEK PEOPLE MAY HAVE POSSIBILITY OF
EXPRESSING THEIR OPINION DIRECTLY ON CERTAIN MATTERS OF NATIONAL
IMPORTANCE.

THROUGH THESE REFORMS, GREECE BECOMES A MODERN STATE OF PRESI-
DENTIAL PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. A(ABOVE IS INFORMAL TRANSLA-
TION, OFFICIAL TRANSLATION WILL BE POUCHED AS AVAILABLE.)
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